

Croft Notes.

John Crofts - merchant of London, died July 23, 1709

Ches. River + York Hampton Par. Pg 15-

Members of Croft Family resided in, adjoining ~~parishes~~ Denton
in Warwick Co. Va. See. Wm Cole mar. Susannah
dau of John Croft Esq. of Lancaster. John Crofts, Deputy
to Geo. Luker Esq. Naval Collector. In 1717 John Croft
of Chesherton Sc. gave power of attorney to wife
Lady Katherine to administer estate of John Burdell
in behalf of his two children Chiddermane + Abraham
James Burdell's will at Hampton left property to
Croft's sons - ex. brother Edward + John Dudley Digges.
Will prov. 1716.

Land grants:

Will of Thos. Croft of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight -
Loving wife Mary, son Thomas, son John, son Samuel
dau Mary Croft, dau Martha Brantley, dau Elizabeth
Edwell(?) - Son Thomas + Son Samuel all my land.

Thos. Hyllard

Oct 29, 1722

Michael Harris

July 24, 1727

Hugh Edwards

W. B 9 - 34.

Will of Mary Brigg - To my dae Elizabeth Thrapz
35 pounds current money in hand of Col. Bridge, to
my dae Ann Craft, one pair of small scythes
& one smoothing iron; to my son Benjamin Bell
& Elizabeth Thrapz (Thrapz) - Samuel Craft, executor

Jamee Bell's

Mar. 21, 1726

Wm. Coggin

June 26, 1727

John Greenard

W. B. 3 - 33.

(~~Ann Craft - a Bell or Brigg~~)

Marriage contract - Jamee Brigg and Mary Bell w. daw - 1723
q. B 2 - 569

Joseph Atkinson of I of Wight, Tanner, to Samuel
Craft, Planter a tract of land - 216 a. - May 26, 1732
wit: Wm. Dixon, W. Bedgood.

Pornell Atkinson Log. W. D. B. 4 - 175-6

Bond signed by W. Bedgood, Wm. Dutton & Thos. Craft
Log. W. D. B. 4 - 177.

Indenture, Sept 7, 1758. Between Samuel Craft & Arthur
Atkins both of Brunswick Co. - £50 current money, - Given
tract in upper parish in Co. of I of Wight - 216 a
adj the head of Wm. Kemp's line, formerly line of
Jamee Atkinson. — also another tract or parcel of land
containing 300 a in the aforesaid parish & Co. and on the north
side of the main Black water swamp, beginning at a
Spanish oak, a corner of Wm. Camps, & a corner of the ad
Crafts other land and then — to a pine corner of Joseph
Holloman — to Arthur Crocker, thence to a corner of Saml.
Taylor's land — to a corner of Thos. Moore — to Ruben Cook's
land — to Isidore Stephenson signed Samuel Craft
wit: Benj Pyne
Wilkox Brantley
Thos. Cote. Log. W. D. B. 10 - 30-32.

Ann Craft

Winfield to Craft.

Indenture - May 5, 1743 between John Winfield, of
P. Goo Co. + Samuel Craft of P. of W. Co. - 25 L Curr.

& do agree - 7 July 1726 by patent only 5 acres
excepted which sd Winfield has given to John Wall
to build a mill on.

w.t : w.m attit : Danl Carroll
Rich + Henckly

Ann wife of
sd John Winfield witness
dower. May 5, 1743

Brunswick Co. - D.B.L. - 272.

Persuant to an order of Brunswick C. of Leuring Date
22 day of April last, I have taken the deposition of
Chas. King, Thomas Brown, Sam'l. Craft and Thomas
Moore concerning the last will & Testament of Thos. Craft
deed which was destroyed since the decease by fire as
followeth, to w.t. Dury 81. M

Chas. King Sr. aged abt 60 yrs being sworn, saith
that sometime in 1751, he was at the house of Thos. Craft
who was then very sick & like to die - upon which
this deponent asked Elizabeth the wife of him the sd
Thos. Craft if he had settled his affairs for that he
believed he was not long for this world; it was
answered that he had made his will, & therupon
the will was produced which this deponent read and
saith to the best of his memory after the preamble
was as follows:

I give to Thos. Craft son of Samuel Craft, my
common prayer book, my spelling book and the Book
of Markam. to be immediately delivered.

I give to my belied^{ed} Elizabeth Craft all the
residue of my estate during her natural life
and at her death to Thos. Craft the son of Samuel

if he be living, & if he be dead to the heirs of
Benjamin, & I do make ordain etc my living

(?) wife Elizabeth Croft - sole executrix of this my last
will & testament - and so concluded with setting
his hand & affixing his seal which was witnessed
by Samuel Croft and Tho. Moore - this deponent
further saith that sometimes after the testator
departed this life and that he this deponent read
over said will after his death and further this deponent
saith not. Chas King Sers.

Signed & sworn before me this 21. June 1755-

Druy Stith. Brunswick Co.

Tho. Brown, Samuel Croft sworn also Tho. Moore

Recorded 24 day June 1755 - W. B. 3. - 162

Know all men by these present that I John Croft
of South Carolina do authorize & appoint my son
Samuel Croft my lawful power of attorney to act & do
in all cases with the same power & authority as I
would do myself as witness my hand this eight
day of Aug. 1754 John I Croft

wit. Druy Stith. At a court held for Brunswick
Co. 29 Aug. 1754 - this letter of atty was proved by
both of Druy Stith the witness thereto & ordered
to be recorded. Teste Sd Togwell cl. ct.
Brunswick Co. N. Bk 5 - 609.

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Craft notes

Thomas Craft to beloved wife Elizabeth negro
Hannah + negro boy David + after death of my
rd wife to be equally divided between my
children Washington Craft and Elizabeth
Lanier Craft Feb 6, 1771.

w.t. Sam'l. Burch

Brunswick Co. D. B. 23 1793 -

Henry Wall

This deed of gift purposed by
oaths of Henry Wall + Ellice
Ellice x short. Wall (formerly Ellice short).

Joseph Wall

Brunswick Co. D. B. 16 - 81.

Ellice x short.

Indenture - 25 of Oct 1777 between Samuel Craft
and Anne his wife, Thomas Craft + Henry Simmon
of Brunswick and William Wade 120 L. Cm.
Land on south side W chs - 250 @, adj.
Wm Wade, David Tucker + Burgess Wall.

w.t. Thos. Thomas

Samuel Craft

Chas King Jr.

Tho Craft

Mathew Evans

Henry Simmon

Ann Craft.

Brunswick Co. D. B. 12 - 293.

Succanna Simmon will. 7 Nov. 1793. rec. Dec 23, 1793.
To dau Macon Morris - slave, to gr-clan Jean Hardaway,
slave, to gr-dau Succanna Tilman, to gr-dau
Mary Craft - slaves - Billy, Liddy, one horse Benick,
gr-son John Edwards, gr-daus. Succanna Gwen,
Martha Edwards, Mary Jones, Lucy, Elizabeth and

Jane Simmone; gr. - wife, Tho. Benj, Morris +
Henry Simmone.

Wt. John Short - Anderson Short
John Clayton short.

Exe. Henry Morris
Tho. Hardaway
John Edwards

Brunswick Co. W. B. 5-521.

An Act of the Sale of Tho. Croft died. Nov. 30, 1796.
sold to Sterling Tucker, ~~and~~ to Washington Croft, &
Patty Westmoreland, Henry Ingurn, ~~wife~~ Evans,
Nath. King, Tho. Wall, Chas. Harris, Ely Ingram,
Wright Tucker, Elizabeth Edwards, Jas. McKenney, Herod
Vaughan, Gray Edwards, Jas. Bullock, John Elliott
Francis Evans. Recorded Feb 27, 1797.
Washington Croft adm. Brunswick Co. W. B 6-79.

Thomas Croft = Mary ?

will dated 1722 Issue

revised 1727

1. Son Thomas = Elizabeth - d. S. P.

2. " John of S.C - Issue Samuel.

3. Son Samuel = Mary Bell

4. Mary

5. Elizabeth = — Edwards

6. Martha = Brantley.

Samuel (Thomas) Croft = Mary Bell (Beall) before 1726.

lth living in 1771

1. Issue Thomas

2. Benjamin.

Thomas (Thomas¹, Samuel²) Croft = Elizabeth Lanier (Bunch)

died 1796

die 1795
b. after 1724 (was not
named among other children)

mar. abt. 1754.

Issue:

in gr. father's will).

1 Wacheng Ym = Mary before 1786

2 Elizabeth Lanier =

banded by Isd'l of Shady Tucke sold him by Thos.
- Thos. Simmons Line - to Thos. Bullock
to Isd'l sold by sd' Cwft to sd Shady Tucke.
- to Hartwell Tuckers Line

Shady Tucker

David & Jr.

June 26, 1797

Thomas Evans

D.B. 17 Washington & Polly Cwft sell to Shady.
pg 90 Tuckers above Isd'l (states it formerly belonged
to Burgess Wall died.)

Hartwell Tucker

Christopher Rewis

Oct 23 - 1797

David Tucker Jr.

Thos. Jolley.

Burgess Wall + wife to Henry Simmons.
1783. W.B. 2 - 246

Mar 25 1796 Pet of Rich Bench setting forth that he was sonne
D.B. 6 since bound with Eliza Bench the then widow
21 & relict of John Bench decd for her faithful service
of the sd decd. estate That the sd Elizabeth is
since intermingled with one Thos Cwft who
the pet apprehends will waste the sd est & that
he will thereby be in danger of suffering by
means of being thus constantly an apd & prays that
the sd Thos & Elizabeth may be obliged to give him
enthr rec. or deliver the sd est. to him for his indemnity
whereupon it is ordered that the sd Thos. &
Elizabeth be cause to appear about w/

Rich Beach of st ad. Pan C 93 to
John Beach for natural loc+affection
& faithfully love to will bequeath son John.

430 a.

4-7-1743

Th. Larue

D.B. 2 - 269.

Henry Jones.

Sam Craft + wife last time 1777

Washington Craft Party. 1786
deed to Ann Short. 14-204
Wash + m.

CROFT FAMILY
of
Isle of Wight and Brunswick Counties
Virginia.

Thomas Croft(Crafto) of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight Co. bequests to loving wife Mary; son Thomas; son John, son Samuel, dau. Mary Crafto, dau. Martha Brantley, dau. Elizabeth ? (Edwards). Son Thomas and Son Samuel all my land. Oct. 29, 1722 Recorded July 24, 1727.

Wit: Tho. Hylliard, Michael Harris, Hugh Edwards.

Isle of Wight Co. Will Book 3 page 34.

Mary Briggs, to my dau. Elizabeth Trap L35 in hands of Col. Bridger, to my dau. Ann Crafto one pair of small stylliards and one smoothing iron, to my son Benjamin Bell. Samuel Crafto executor. March 21, 1726

Wit: James Betts, Wm. Coggan

June 26, 1727.

John Gressard

Isle of Wight Will Bk. 3, pg 33.

Marriage Contract: James Briggs and Mary Bell, widow. 1723

Isle of Wight Great Book 2, page 569.

Joseph Atkinson of I. of W. tanner to Samuel Craft, planter a tract of land 216 acres. May 25, 1732

Wit: Wm. Dixon, W. Bidgood and Farnell Atkinson

Isle of Wight Deed Bk. 4, page 175-6

Bond signed by W. Bidgood, Wm. Dixon and Thomas Croft. " 177.

Indenture Sept. 7, 1758 between Samuel Croft and Arthur Atkins both of Brunswick County -- L50 current money--- certain tract in Upper Parish of Isle of Wight--- 216 A. adj. the head of Wm. Kempe's line, formerly land of James Atkinson. --- also another tract containing 300 A. in the afo. Par. and County on the north side of the main Blackwater Swamp,--a corner of Wm. Camps, to a corner of the said Crofts other land,--to Jos. Hollemans line, to Arthur Crokers line--- To Samuel Taylor s --- to a corner of Tho. Moore. -- On Ruebin Cooke and Solomon Stephenson. Signed Samuel an Ann Croft.

Wit: Benj. Pynes, Wilson Brantley Isle of Wight Deed Bk. 10, page 30-32.

Richard Burch of St. Andrews Par. Brunswick Co. to John Burch for natural love and affection and fatherly affection to well beloved son John. 420 A.

Wit: Thomas Lanier and Henry Jones. April 7, 1743.

Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 2, page 269.

On motion of Elizabeth Burch who made oath according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of her deceased husband John Burch,---- Richard Burch her security, entered into and acknowledged bmid according to law. Nov. Court 1753.

Brunswick Co. OrderBk 5, page 88

John Burch's Appraisal L259"5"56 July 22, 1754

Elizabeth Craft, Administratrix

Appr.: Drury Stith, Chas. King and Morgan McKenny

Nov. 23, 1753

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 3, page 192.

Sampson Lanier, names children Thomas, Sampson, Richard, Elizabeth Burch, Lemuel, and James,-- to wife.

Jan. 1, 1742/3

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 2, Page 52.

Thomas and Benjamin Croft proven to be the sons of Samuel Croft in the will of Thomas Croft, who left them his estate on the death of his wife Elizabeth.

Deposition states he died in 1751 and will proven June 24, 1755.

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 3, page 162

(This date eliminates the possibility of this Elizabeth the Wife of Thomas Croft deceased 1751 having been Elizabeth Burch the widow of John Burch.)

Marsh Court 1756, petition of Richard Burch setting forth that he was sometimes since bound with Elisabeth Burch the then widow and relict of John Burch dead, for her faithful administration of the sd. deceased estate, that the sd. Elizabeth is since intermarried with one Thomas Croft, who the petitioners apprehends will waste the sd. estate and that he will thereby be in danger of suffering by means of being her security as aforesd. and prays that the sd Thomas and Elizabeth Croft be obliged to give him counter security etc. Brunswick Co. Order Bk. 6, page 21.

Samuel Burch and Richard Lanier Plts. Vs. Richard Burch, Deft.

Oct. 24, 1768

Brunswick Co. Order Bk. XI, page 11.

Thomas Croft and wife, Plt. Vs. Samuel Burch and Lanier, Deft.

June 27, 1769

Same Ref. page 62.

Samuel Craft Plt. Vs. Samuel Burch.

July 24, 1769

" " " 107

We the subscribers have this day settled all accounts and differences between us from the beginning of the world to this day and do mutually desire that all suits between us may be dismissed, each to pay his own costs. Witness our hands the 7th day of Feb. 1771. Signed Samuel Burch and Thomas Croft.

Wit.: Tho. Stith and Robt Nicholas. Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 10, page 86.

(This Paper is Indexed under the name Henry Croft but signed Thomas Croft)

Thomas Croft to beloved wife Elisabeth negro Hannah and negro boy David and after death of my sd. wife to be equally divided between my children Washington Croft and Elizabeth Lanier Croft. Feb. 6, 1771 Rec. Feb 23, 1775

Wit. Samuel Burch, Henry Wall This deed of gift proved by oaths of Harry

Jos. Wall, Ellice Short. Wall and Ellice Wall (formerly E. Short.

Brunswick County Deed Bk. 16, page 81.

Indenture Dec. 21, 1794, between Thomas Croft of the county of Brunswick and Washington Croft and Sterling Tucker of the County aforesaid of the other--- for love and affection following negroes etc. July 28, 1794.

Wit: THo. Brodnax, Henry Harris

Lewis Parham

Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 16, page 2.

Washington and Mary Croft sign a deed to William Short in 1786.

Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 14, page 204.

Acct. of the sales of Thomas Croft, deed. Nov. 30, 1796.

Washington Croft, Administrator. Recorded Feb. 27, 1797.

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 6, page 79.